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Sir:

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Also attached is a Declaration of James Gordon Still under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 in which Dr. Still provides information about the slides that are included on the attached PTO Form 1449 as items 76 and 81. Although applicants provide these slides to the examiner in the interest of full disclosure in accordance with applicant's duty, it is applicants' belief that these slides are not "printed publications" as set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and are thus not prior art to the claimed invention. Applicants base this belief on a comparison of the facts in this case as set forth in Dr. Still's Declaration with the facts set forth in *Regents of the University of California v. Howmedica, Inc.* [210 U.S.P.Q. 727 (D.N.J. 1981); *aff'd*, 676 F.2d 687 (3rd Cir. 1982); copy enclosed], in which the court determined that slides shown during an oral presentation did not constitute a "printed publication" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Because the facts reviewed by the court parallel the facts of the present application, applicants believe these slides



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are not prior art against the invention as claimed in the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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